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REVENUE (1948) Department.

Ms. SERIES.

G.O. No. 121

Dated the 20th January, 1948.

[Despatch Abstract.]

PROHIBITION - The Madras Prohibition Enquiry Committee - Extension of time till 15--2--1948 - Sanctioned.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PROHIBITION ENQUIRY COMMITTEEE

K.A. Nachiappa Gounder, M.L.A.,
Chairman.

Governmen House,
Mount Road, Madras.
Camp. Konganapuram, 16-1-48.

To

The Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Madras,
Revenue Department,
Fort St. George, M A D R A S.

Sir,

Ref: Your letter No.Ms.69, dated 14-1-1948.
G.O.Ms.No.68 (Rev.Dept) dated 14-1-1948.

The prohibition Enquiry Committee had completed its tour of enquiry only on the 12th instant, and every one of us left for home only that night from Erode. The Pongal holidays have intervened, and the Committee will meet again only during the 3rd week of this month. We mean discussing with the departmental officers about the practical line of working of the various proposals, and then cast our report in a thorough and comprehensive form. Hence I regret to state that it is not possible for us to complete the report and present the same on 20-1-1948, as required by the Government.

As far the points to be discussed at the ~~Government~~ Congres Legislature Party shortly after 20-1-48, we have already expressed our views that the entire Province may be made dry by 1-10-48, and we have also stated about the broad lines in which the Prohibition problems are to be tackled. So, there cannot be any difficulty to take the matter befor e the party. Even with regard to provisions to be made in the budget, we have intimated in our letter of 12-1-1948, that our proposals may not exceed the allotment which the Government will ordinarily include in the budget under this item. Thus we have furnished the information immediatdy required by theGovernment.

I desire to point out that the delay in presenting the report cannot be attributed to us. The Legislature Assembly and Council were sitting without sufficient intervals after the Prohibition Enquiry Committee was formed, and thus we could not find time to get rhrough our work quickly. We undertook the tours of enquiry snatching at the earliest intervals, and we have made a good progress in our way. We want to make the report thorough and complete by discussing matters with the Departmental ~~offie~~ Heads, and present the same in a practical workable form. Hence time till 15-2-48 is absolutely necessary, and I request that the Government may be pleased to extend the period till 15-2-1948.

Solicit the favour of immediate orders,

Sd. x x x
CHAIRMAN.

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G.O.Ms.No. 121 dated the 20th January 1948.
Read the following:-

G.O.Ms.No.68, Revenue, dated the 14th January 1948.
From the Chairman, Prohibition Enquiry Committee, letters dated the 12th January 1948 and 16th January 1948.

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ORDER:

In the circumstances reported by the Chairman in his letter dated the 16th January 1948, the Goverment grant further extension of time till the 15th February 1948 for the submission of the final report by the Madras Prohibition Enquiry Committee.

2. The sanction is accorded for the retention till 15-2-1948 of the following staff employed under the sanction last conveyed in G.O:Ms.No.68, Revenue, dated 14-1-1948 to work under the Committee:-

(i) Secretary in the grade of District Prohibition Officer.
(ii) One Senior Superintendent.
(iii) One upper division clerk.
(iv) one steno-typist.
(v) Two lower division clerks; and
(vi) Two peons.

3. The expenditure should be debited to "8.B Provincial Excise - District Executive Establishment - I Ordinary areas - B Prohibtion staff".

(By Order of His Excellency the Governor)

P.S. Viswanatha Ayyar,
Joint Secretary to Government.

To the Chairmen, The Madras Prohibition Enquiry Committee.
To the Board of Revenue (Excise)
To the Accountant General, through Finance Department.

/True Copy/

R. Thiagarajan
OFFICE ASSISTANT,
MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

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